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TAGS: OVIP (SHULTZ, GEORGE)

SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 3

1. CONSUL GENERAL LEONHARDY RELEASED

LEONHARDY WAS RELEASED IN GOOD HEALTH IN GUADALAJARA A FEW MINUTES AFTER MIDNIGHT ON MAY 8 FOLLOWING THE PAYMENT OF AN EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLAR RANSOM BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO. HE REPORTED THAT HIS CAPTORS HAD NOT MISTREATED HIM AND THAT HE BELIEVED HE KNEW WHERE HE HAD BEEN HELD, DESPITE HAVING BEEN BLINDFOLDED DURING MOST OF HIS CAPTIVITY. (CONFIDENTIAL) MEXICO WORKING GROUP, 5/8.

2. CONTINUED CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE ICCS?

A. SHARP LEAVES DOOR SLIGHTLY AJAR . . .

EMBASSY OTTAWA REPORTS THAT CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SHARP SAID, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION IN COMMONS ON MAY 7, " THERE HAS NOT BEEN THE KIND OF IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS OF SECRET

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OPERATION OF THE ICCS WHICH I LAID DOWN AS ONE
OF THE CONDITIONS FOR STAYING ON. IN FACT, THE

SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED RATHER THAN IMPROVED.
HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN URGED TO BE PATIENT, AND
WE SHALL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE EVENTS, PROBABLY
UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH." (UNCLASSIFIED)
OTTAWA 1091, 5/7.

B. . . . WHILE EMBASSY OTTAWA SEES IT SWINGING CLOSED

EMBASSY OTTAWA ESTIMATES THAT A CANADIAN DECISION
MAY COME AS EARLY AS MAY 17 AND WILL MOST LIKELY
BE NEGATIVE. THE EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT FOREIGN
PRESSURES ON CANADA TO CONTINUE WOULD BE AS
EFFECTIVE AS THEY WERE IN MARCH AND BELIEVES THERE
WOULD BE SERIOUS RISKS IN A US REQUEST PUT STRONGLY
IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.
HOWEVER, AN EFFORT TO PERSUADE THE CANADIANS SHOULD BE
MADE LEST CANADA SUBSEQUENTLY CLAIM THE US APPEARED TO
HAVE LOST INTEREST. (SECRET) OTTAWA 1083, 5/7
(EXDIS).

3. A FLUID SITUATION IN LEBANON

THE LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER RESIGNED EARLY ON MAY 8,
HOURS AFTER A STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED. EMBASSY
BEIRUT REPORTS A LARGE NUMBER OF ROCKETS FIRED IN AND
AROUND BEIRUT. LATE ON MAY 7 LEBANESE OFFICIALS EX-
PRESSED TO THE EMBASSY PARTICULAR CONCERN AT DELIBERATE
WIDESPREAD EFFORTS TO PREVENT GOVERNMENT- FEDAYEEN
RELATIONS FROM STABILIZING. ONE ARMY OFFICER NOTED
THAT SYRIA APPEARED TO BE PLAYING A MOST UNHELPFUL ROLE
IN THIS REGARD. (CONFIDENTIAL) BEIRUT 5155, 5/7; REUTER
RNR 3, 5 AND 6, 5/8.

4. LIBYAN PASSPORT POLICY LEADS TO OUSTER OF US DIPLOMAT SECRET

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THE DEPARTMENT HAS INSTRUCTED EMBASSY TRIPOLI TO FORMAL-
LY PROTEST THE MAY 6 INCIDENT WHICH CULMINATED IN OUR
ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION (ADCM) BEING DECLARED
PERSONA NON GRATA. DURING A CONTROVERSY RESULTING
FROM LIBYA' S REFUSAL TO ADMIT AN EMBASSY OFFICER WHOSE
PASSPORT LACKED AN ARABIC LANGUAGE SECTION, OUR ADCM

WAS VIOLENTLY FORCED TO BOARD A PLANE AND WAS DETAINED
TWO HOURS. THE DEPARTMENT IS REVIEWING THE TOTALITY
OF US- LIBYAN RELATIONS AND BELIEVES THE EMBASSY,
HAVING PROTESTED, SHOULD AVOID FURTHER CONFRONTATIONS.
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